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In re Application of: Examiner: Unassigned YASUHIKO SHIOMI, ET AL. Group Art Unit: 2851 Application No.: 09/972,995 RECEIVED Filed: October 10, 2001 FEB 2 3 2004 For: SIGNAL DIFFERENCE Technology Center 2600 CORRECTION OF PICTURE SIGNALS READ FROM MULTIPLE READOUT TYPE **IMAGE SENSING DEVICE** February 19, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS:

Patent No.	Country	Publication Date
64-085483	Japan	March 30, 1989
03-085972	Japan	April 11, 1991
10-276976	Japan	October 20, 1998

REMARKS

The documents listed herein and in the attached PTO-1449 were cited in an Official Action in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2000-312375. A copy of an English Abstract for the corresponding JP '375 Application and a copy of the Japanese Official Action indicating how those references were deemed material to the Japanese patent application also is enclosed. English translations of the Japanese Official Action and the Japanese references are not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required. English abstracts for the three Japanese references obtained from a commercial database also are enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

Since this paper is being submitted within three (3) months of the mailing date of the Official Action/Communication from the Japanese Patent Office, and/or prior to the mailing a first Official Action on the merits in the subject-application, Applicant believes that no fee is necessitated by this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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